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On 26 September 1952 approximately 15 American POW's were at CV-738183 in Hamhung<sup>1</sup> excavating air-raid shelters for the South Hamgyong Provincial Branch of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. The prisoners worked from dawn to sunset. A North Korean army guard armed with a PPSH supervised their work. The prisoners slept in the dugouts they were excavating. They wore old North Korean army summer uniforms. The daily ration included 1.24 pints of sorghum and fish.

Comment. 150 prisoners, including 18 white and 7 Negro Americans, arrived at Hamhung on foot on 28 October 1952:

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